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Best Practices Document

As requested by the Coordinating Board, the Best Practices Document as currently written, has been posted to the main page of the Bureau's web site under "Of Interest" and is additionally listed under "Documents and Forms" and "Boards and Commissions", giving more widely distributed access points. The sub-committee is about to update the currently posted 2008 document and the changes will be added to the web site as soon as they are available.

Refresher Deadline

As of the beginning of March there are 1618 Provider licenses due to expire on 3/31/11. From past experience we know that most of these individuals will be re-applying before the end of the month, and that some of these individuals will not

have their National Registry cards back in time to license before the end of business on the 31st. **No Provider should be treating patients without a current license.** If a Provider is in this situation, the Bureau suggests that a license waiver request be submitted by an authorized Head of Unit to the Division for consideration. For information on how to do a waiver request contact the Licensing Section.

The Field Services Staff will be working diligently to review and process all applications received, and will naturally focus on those Providers that have a 3/31/11 expiration date. Please note that the more complete the application packet, the more efficient the Bureau processing of the application will be.

Research and Quality Management Section

A major cause of the TEMSIS glitch known as the "White Screen of Death" has been worked out. Short-term fixes are in place while Image Trend programs a solution. Please keep letting the TEMSIS staff know about any problems you experience. We are actively working to find and resolve any problems to make TEMSIS as reliable as possible. We can't do it without your help.

A 10 -12 member formal EMS Data Advisory Committee is being formed under the EMS Coordinating Board representing all EMS regions, types of EMS services and EMS data users in NH. The committee will review all EMS data elements and define the established NH state EMS dataset for approval by the EMS Coordinating Board.

There is an EMS Service Budget Development workshop scheduled for March 30th at the NH Fire Academy. This program is funded by the Office of Rural Health. Registration deadline is March 23rd. This is a nationally recognized program that will help EMS service leaders develop a working budget for their particular service. See the Bureau website for the course flyer.

Education Section

If you chose to recertify by the Exam-in-Lieu / Refresher by Exam process your documentation (congratulations letter & completed re-registration form) must be received at a Bureau of EMS office or postmarked by 03/31/2011 to be valid for a 2011 expiration. If you have any questions about Exam-in-Lieu contact a member of the Education Section Team at (603) 223-4200.

Refresher Season is drawing to a close. Thank you to all of our Instructor/ Coordinators and Exam Site Coordinators for your hard work this refresher season. A job well done!

The 2010 AHA CPR Guidelines will be integrated into the NH EMT-Basic practical exam for the refresher season starting in September 2011.

Trauma & Emergency Preparedness

The Bureau of EMS and Dartmouth Medical School have started a study to examine the practicality and effectiveness of the full-body Vacuum Spine Board (VSB) as an alternative to immobilizing patients on a rigid longboard. Fourteen NH EMS Units are participating in the study and will be using both the traditional longboard and the VSB over the next year.

There are currently 2,270 AED's registered in NH. The AED "direct purchase opportunity", which makes AED's available for \$735, continues to be VERY popular. We are working with NH 9-1-1 to develop a database of the street address location of AED's in the state.

Advanced Life Support System

Protocol Rollouts are in full session

(Two rollouts per day, 1PM and 7PM)

March 14 – Littleton Hospital
March 15 – Speare Memorial
March 24 – SNHMC (afternoon session full)
March 28 – NH Fire Academy

Paramedic Interfacility Transfer Train-the-Trainers

(8AM – 4PM)

March 7 – Littleton Hospital
March 16 – NH Fire Academy
March 25 – Wentworth Douglas Hospital
March 30 – New London Hospital
April 30 – Sunapee Mt – EMS Conference

To sign up for either a protocol rollout or a PIFT train the trainer, contact Vicki at vicki.blanchard@dos.nh.gov

The Extended Care Protocols Committee met and created the following list of items to be defined or addressed:

- Credentialing or certification
- Training
- Instructors
- Scope of Practice
- Medications
- Equipment/essentials

The committee will be doing a complete review of the NH Patient Care Protocols to determine where extended care of practice may be appropriate.